

B-3342 - B-3350
43-3 E. Hamburg St. (South side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1839-1855

The entire south side of the unit block of E. Hamburg St. (except for 3-7 E. Hamburg St., west of Patapsco St.) is improved with groups of two and a half story, late Federal style brick houses built in the late 1830's and early 1840's by John S. Gittings and several other local carpenters to whom he sold lots. 3-7 E. Hamburg St. are two story, two bay wide gable-roofed brick houses built in the 1850's for working class tenants. They are quite similar to other two story houses lining Patapsco St. just to the south of these houses. A number of houses on this side of Hamburg St. are currently being renovated.

(Easement on 43 E. Hamburg St.)

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

B-3342

MAGI 0433422404

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

35-43 E. Hamburg St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED (39, 43)
☒ ALTERED (37, 41, 35)

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This group of five two story brick houses with gable roofs and front and rear roof dormer windows was built in the late 1830's and formed part of a group of such houses extending along this side of Hamburg St. All of the houses except for 43 Hamburg have been covered with formstone. The formstone has recently been removed from 39 Hamburg.

The houses are two and a half stories in height, 37 Hamburg is 12' wide, 43 Hamburg is 13' wide, and 35, 39, and 41 Hamburg are about 14 1/2' wide. The houses occupy lots ranging in depth from about 64 1/2' (43 Hamburg) to 68' (35 Hamburg). Each house is two rooms deep. 35 Hamburg has a two story high, two and a half bay deep rear addition; 37 and 43 Hamburg have one story high, two bay deep frame additions; and 39 and 41 Hamburg have no rear additions. The houses are constructed in running bond but 35, 37, and 41 Hamburg have been covered with formstone. The steeply pitched gable roofs have two-tier brick cornices. Each house has a front and rear roof dormer window. The gable roofs have been covered with tarpaper. Each house has a double rectangular chimney located along both the front and rear roof gables. At 35, 37, and 39 Hamburg the chimneys are located on the west side of the house; at 41 and 43 Hamburg they are paired along the partition wall between the two houses. 35 Hamburg also has a rear end chimney located at the south end of the rear addition.

All of the door and window openings have splayed brick lintels. At 39 Hamburg the sills are wood; at 35 and 43 Hamburg the sills are brick header sills. At 35 Hamburg the first floor window is filled with a 4/1 double hung sash; the second floor and dormer windows are filled with 1/1 sash. The lower section of each window is filled with a painted screen. 39 Hamburg currently has no sash in the windows, as the house is in the process of being renovated. The rest of the houses have their window openings filled with 1/1 double hung sash. 35 Hamburg has a screen door with a painted screen set beneath a single light transom filled with another painted screen. 37 and 39 Hamburg have glass and panel doors; 41 Hamburg has a Mission-style door; and 43 Hamburg has a modern flush door. All of the doors are set beneath single light transoms, except for the door at 39 Hamburg which is set beneath a new four-light transom. The houses sit on low basements, the entrances being reached by two stone steps at 37 and 39 Hamburg, by two brick steps at 41 and 43 Hamburg, and by three brick steps at 35 Hamburg. Each house has a small rectangular coal opening located beneath the first floor window. A flat-roofed alleyway runs back under the easternmost bay of 35 Hamburg and an arched alleyway runs back between 39 and 41 Hamburg St.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1839-1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John S. Gittings

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This group of houses is significant as being representative of a group of two and a half story houses with dormer windows built in the late 1830's and early 1840's in Federal Hill to provide inexpensive housing for the growing number of workers moving into the area to work in waterfront-related jobs. The houses are interesting as examples of the quite late use of design characteristics associated with a much earlier period. The houses are Federal in style, the only evidence of their later date being the type of interior door and window moldings used. The floor plan follows the pattern established for earlier working class housing in the area, with small front and back rooms on each floor, and with enclosed, steep, and tightly winding stairs set between the two rooms. The dormer story is one single room. The kitchen was located in a rear addition, or in some cases in the basement.

The houses were built by John S. Gittings, an active local real estate developer who also built rows of houses (two story plus attic type) along the north side of this same block of Hamburg St. Unlike Gittings' property on the opposite side of Hamburg St., these houses were sold soon after they were built to individual owners, instead of being retained by Gittings for rental income. The first owner of 35 Hamburg St. was a William Linton, a steamboat hand. The first owner of 37 Hamburg St. was a Luther Gadd, a cordwainer.¹ It was John S. Gittings who laid out Hamburg St. in the 1830's.

¹Baltimore City Directory, 1840-41, 1842

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 19' x 68'2" (35); 12' x 67'2" (37); 14'6" x 66'4" (39);
14'3" x 65'4" (41); 13'3" x 64'8" (43)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

5/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION
PART 1 - EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

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NPS Office Use Only

Project Number:

Instructions: Read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification will be made unless a completed application form has been received. Use typewriter or print clearly in black ink. If additional space is needed, use continuation sheets or attach blank sheets.

1. Name of property: 43 E. Hamburg Street
Address of property: 43 E. Hamburg Street
City Baltimore County Balt. State Md. Zip Code _____
Name of historic district: Federal Hill
☒ National Register district ☐ certified state or local district ☐ potential historic district

2. Check nature of request:

- ☒ certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation.
☐ certification that the structure or building and, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes.
☐ certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
☐ preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.
☐ preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district.
☐ preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district.

3. Authorized project contact:

Name Victor J. Rosenberg, Title Attorney
Street 7315 Wisconsin Ave., Suite 400N City Bethesda
State Maryland Zip 20814 Telephone Number (during day): 301-652-6808

4. Owner:

Name Dr. Raymond Drapkin
Street 12276 Woodspurge Court City Ellicott City
State Maryland Zip 21043 Telephone Number (during day): 301-461-9500

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the above-named property.

Owner's Signature X [Signature] Date X 1/24/86

Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number X [Redacted]

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The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application - Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

- ☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
☐ does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

Preliminary Determinations:

- ☐ appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
☐ does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.
☐ does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

Date

National Park Service Authorized Signature

National Park Service Office

HISTORIC PRESERVATION
CERTIFICATION APPLICATION—
PART 1

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Property Name

Property Address

Owner Name/Social Security or Taxpayer ID Number

Project Number:

5. Description of physical appearance:

A brick rowhouse with a plain brick exterior. The brick was cleaned at some period of time prior to the purchase of the property by the current owner. The side is partially painted and is also covered with stucco. In the rear there was a wooden structure that was added about 30 years ago, and it was probably used as a kitchen. It subsequently burned down. There are no distinctive interior features. Each story of this three-story building was gutted.

Date of Construction: approx. 1900 Source of Date: _____

Date(s) of Alteration(s): _____

Has building been moved? ☐ yes ☐ no. If so, when? _____

6. Statement of significance:

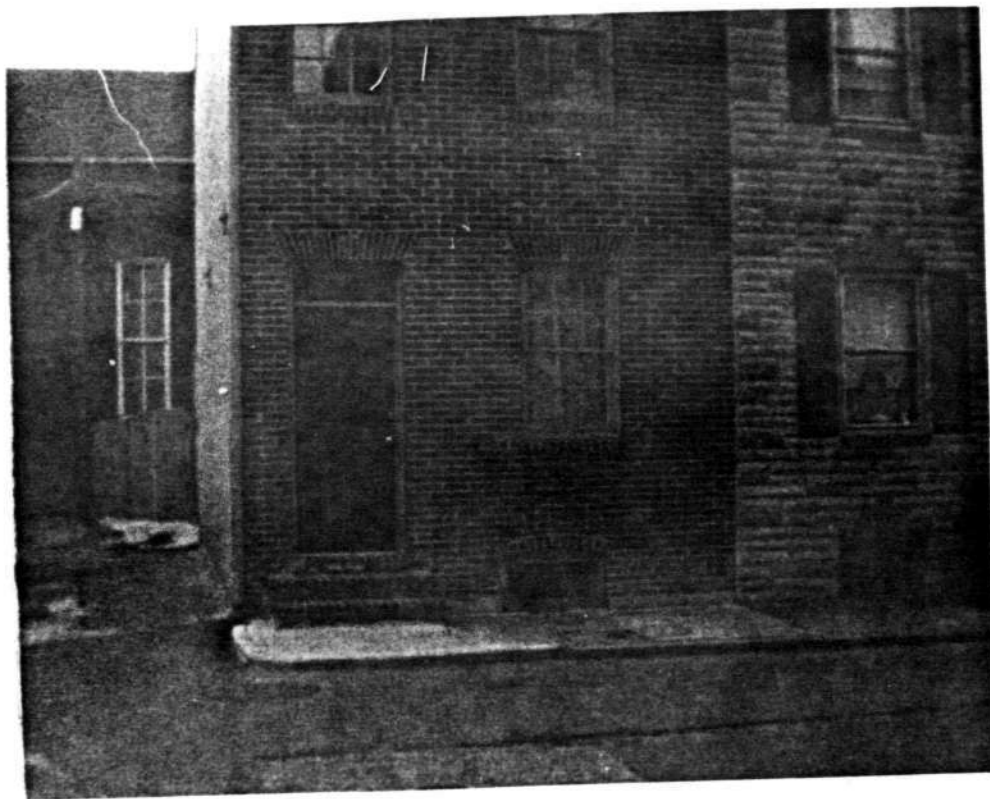
The subject property is a typical rowhouse of the type built in Baltimore during the turn of the century. It is worthy of restoration.

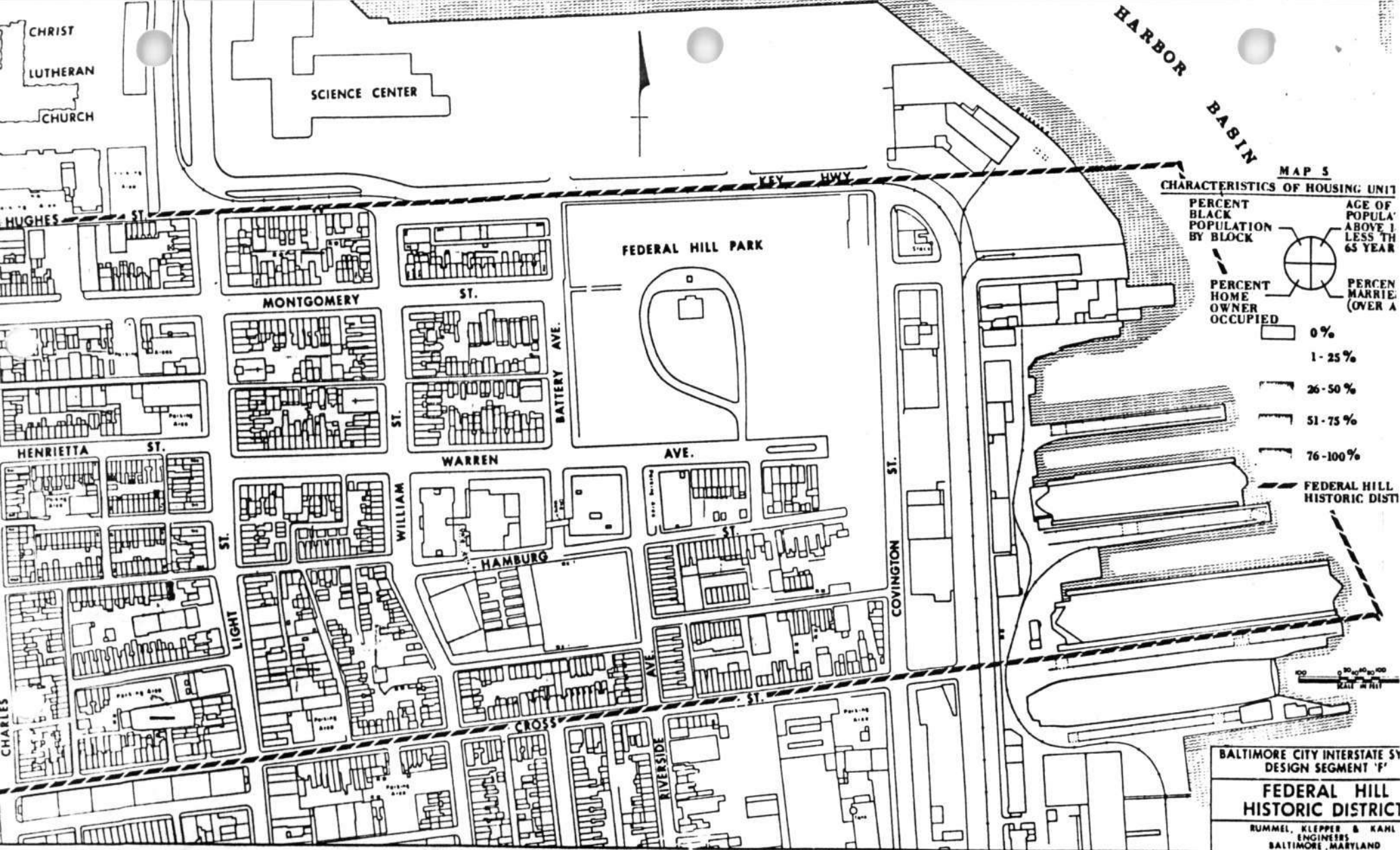
7. Photographs and maps.

Attach photographs and maps to application.

Continuation sheets attached: ☐ yes ☐ no

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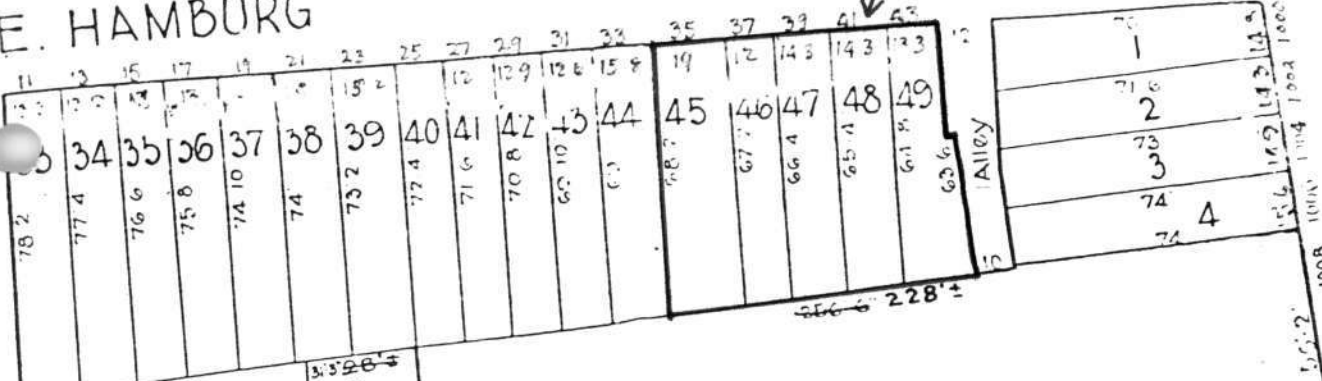
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E. HAMBURG

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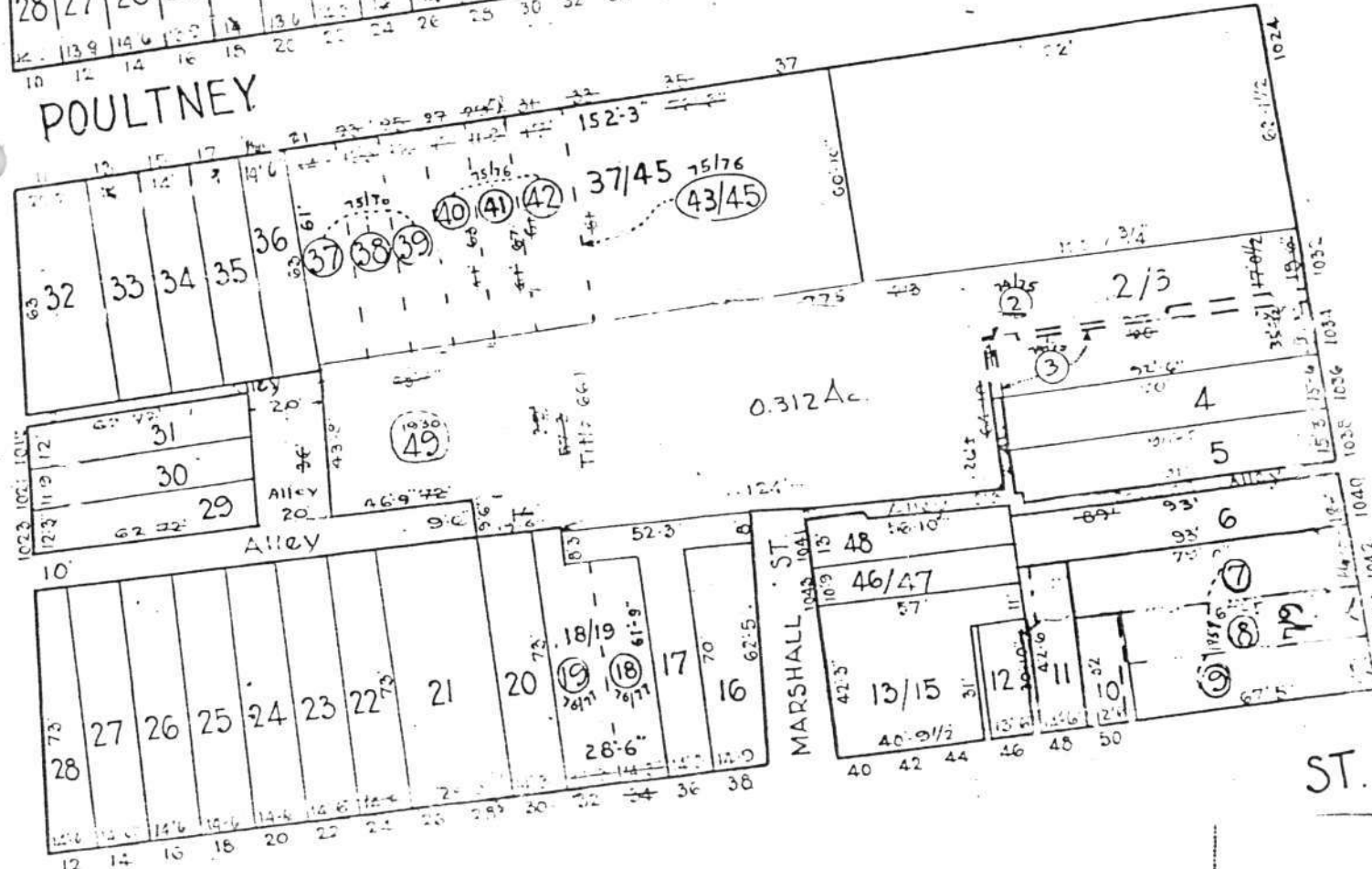


ST.

LIGHT

PATAPSCO

POULTNEY



E. CROSS

ST.

NOTICE
THIS IS A REAL PROPERTY PLAT AS PROVIDED
IN THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE

DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF
PROPERTY

WARD 2

B-3342
35-43 E. Hamburg Street
Block 0934A Lots 045-049
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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35-43 E. Hamburg St.

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North elevation